Pending cases with DCGI

1325.DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge pendency in the number of applications for various types of regulatory approvals in the office of the Drug Controller General of India, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is inordinate delay in getting clearance of the pending applications in spite of increased staff strength in the department;

(c) how many such applications under various categories of approvals are pending for more than six months to a year from the date of such applications;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the applicants are facing serious problems to register their difficulties and also meet the DCGI; and

(e) if so, the reasons for this sorry state of fairs and the measures taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no inordinate delay in processing of applications received in the office of Drug Controller General (India).However as the applications are of technical nature and are accompanied by voluminous technical data, examination is time consuming and also there is many a time deficiencies in the information furnished by the applicants.

(c) No such applications are pending on which action has not been initiated within six months to a year.

(d) At the front office of Drugs Controller (India), Senior Officers meet applicants daily for two hours to address their queries with regard to various types of regulatory approvals. If their queries / issues are not sorted out through meeting with Senior Officers, applicants have the option to meet DCG(I).

(e) Does not arise.

Adulteration of harmful substances in milk

†1326. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by Government to completely check adulteration of milk and milk products with harmful substances and the details of achievements thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that China made synthetic milk powder is being sold across the country's market on a large scale;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government propose to amend laws to strictly tackle these notorious activities; and

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